



Indigenous Policy and Engagement



Beaver Lodge Transfer Ceremony to Planning and Development Services from Bruce Wolf Child, Kainai Spiritual and Cultural Advisor to the Medicine Hill development site

The Calgary Plan guides how Calgary will grow and change, including what can be built and what will be preserved and protected. Land and water in this territory has been stewarded by Indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Respecting Indigenous perspectives and acknowledging their connection to the land and responsibility to care for and protect it has enabled the Calgary Plan to include policies that support working together with Indigenous peoples in the planning and stewardship of these lands. The Indigenous policies honour their perspectives and connection to the land.

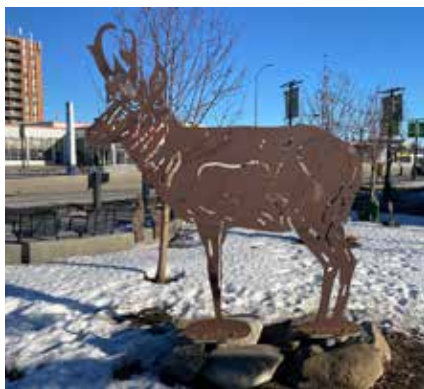
This attachment provides a high-level overview of the Indigenous policies contained within the Calgary Plan, the actions to ensure the success of these policies, and the engagement held with Indigenous peoples. Additional details can be found in the Document Library links at the end of this attachment.

Calgary Plan Indigenous policy

Land use planning and Indigenous perspectives intersect through a connection to the land. It is in working together with Indigenous people that planning practice can include traditional knowledge about this land in our work and how to care for it, as well as meeting the needs of urban Indigenous Calgarians now and into the future. The policies contained in the Calgary Plan draw on their connections to the land, and support opportunities to work together in the planning and stewardship of these lands.

The Calgary Plan begins with a custom Land Acknowledgement that was created together with participants in the engagement session. It highlights the common ground that exists between Indigenous relationships with the land and water, and the land-based practice of city planning. We heard about the importance of acknowledging the land and the truth about its history through the engagement process.

Indigenous policies within the Calgary Plan focus on three key policy areas: environment and land, contemporary urban topics, and opportunities to work together on City projects and initiatives where there is mutual benefit. These policies will guide The City and developers on where and when we will work together with Indigenous peoples to include their perspectives and traditional knowledge in land-based planning work.



Kawa'pomahkaiks, Artist: Adrian Stimson, International Avenue

The Weaselhead



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Engagement with Indigenous peoples

Engagement with Indigenous peoples sought to build relationships and begin to understand their unique perspectives, challenges and values in relationship with the land and urban issues. We met with people from Treaty 7 Nations, the Métis Nation of Alberta, and several urban Indigenous groups and organizations, where their perspectives and traditional knowledge was shared. The content and policies contained within the Calgary Plan are a result of engagement and working together with Indigenous peoples.

The engagement approach involved partnering with other City projects to collaboratively engage with Indigenous peoples.

This approach demonstrates a new way of engaging and working together with Indigenous peoples that is being used on many other City projects. The outcomes of this engagement approach ensures that information and traditional knowledge shared is being used across multiple projects, supporting broad relationship building and collaboration.

Relationships with Indigenous peoples remain a focus and priority beyond project boundaries. We continue to meet with Indigenous peoples in collaborative ways together with other City projects to support lasting relationships and to hear their perspectives.



Nose Hill Siksikaitsitapi Medicine Wheel

Actions for success

It is important to continue to commit to Truth and Reconciliation through planning. Working together with Indigenous peoples can enable the success of these policies. Through engagement, issues and opportunities were identified that should be recognized as essential for the success of future engagement with Indigenous peoples, and for the implementation and success of the Indigenous policies in the Calgary Plan. The actions identified include adequately resourcing projects both

through budget and time, and ensuring continued coordination of projects across planning and the corporation as a whole. Taking these actions demonstrates continued commitment to working together with Indigenous peoples and supports Truth and Reconciliation.

Document library

1. [Indigenous Policy and Engagement](#)
2. [Indigenous Engagement Integrated Report](#)